



**Catholic School Council Association Teleconference
March 21, 2018**

Karen Shannon welcomed and thanked everyone for trying this forum for a meeting. Roll Call was done and there were 22 teleconference participants.

Parent Involvement Symposium

PIC Co-chairs and 2 parent members of school councils are invited to attend the symposium on April 20th and 21st. The symposium will take place at the Chelsea Hotel, Toronto at 33 Gerrard St. West. Accommodation and mileage will be covered. If you are interested in attending please let Bonnie Campbell (campbelb@alcdsb.on.ca) know prior to April 11th. This is a great opportunity to interact with Ministry officials and other school councils.

Hot Lunch Program

Chairs shared how they deliver a hot lunch at their schools.

- St. Peter T Wednesdays, October –May – alternate Pizza and submarine sandwiches. Order forms are done for 2 months at a time. Milk is done throughout the month. Pizza boxes are recyclable.
- St. Francis Offer 5 different subs from Subway. Students can add their own condiments. School takes in bottles that Subway fill with their sauces. Eliminates waste as students not all students like every condiment. Ensure that bags can be composite.

OAPCE

Chris Wright attended first OAPCE Meeting on January 19th and 20th in Toronto. New OPACE Executive was elected. Next meeting will be held on April 13th and 14th. Will have more information to share following this meeting. Chris can be reached at cmwright@cogeco.ca

Fundraising Discussion Engaging the Community – ideas to increase parent participation in events

St. Mary Trenton

- School dances 3-4 times a year. Admission is \$5 per person or \$20 per family of 4 or over. Includes supper of Papa John's pizza and purchased water and juice boxes from No Frills. Meal cost per person is \$1.50 – \$1.75. Bake sale throughout the dance. Profit can be \$300-\$400 from bake sale. It is mandatory that parents stay at the dance and is open to older siblings. There will be one held in April with a 50's style theme. A & W will provide the food at a rate.
- Drive 4UR School, a Ford program, brings new cars for test driving to your school event and donates \$25.00 for each test drive. (please note that in 2018, Ford has announced the discontinuation of this program)

St. Peter, Trenton

- Have held dances a couple of times, more to provide an opportunity for families to get together Admission is \$2.00 per person or \$5.00 per family. Sell popcorn and snow cones. Bring in a DJ and have prizes. Profit around \$600.00.
- Last year each class picked a theme for a basket to put together and then auctioned off the baskets.
- Vendor Shows. Uses social media to get vendors. Each vendor donates a raffle prize. Profit of \$1,100.00 in the fall. Each vendor table cost \$30.00. Another will be held on April 28th at St. Pauls Catholic School. To date 20 vendors have purchased tables. A Bake Sale is also held throughout the day.

St. Francis of Assisi

- For School Trip held a dance for Grades 6-8 in January. Held with feeder schools that will have students go to Regi. Raised enough to cover the cost of a bus for the trip.
- Free family movie night before PA in February. Another will be held next month. Do ask that families RSVP.

St. Michael

- Similar school trip event held for Grades 6-8. Raised \$1,400.
- Want to bring Church and School together. In the process of planning Rosary making. Would attend Mass first and then return to school to make Rosary.
- For 5 years have been doing a movie night and proceeds donated to a family in need.

Mother Teresa

- Around Mother's Day, hold a yard/plant sale in the school gym. Families donate items.

St. Gregory

- Have noticed a declining interest in participants so have split functions between Social Engagement and fundraising. Social Engagement activities include 2 active play day events, movie night tied to Parent Council meeting and a Clothing Swap. For fundraising basket raffles and planned outdoor family photo session with professional photographer. A Loved Ones Market is held around Mother's Day where students can purchase items.

Schools can also apply for a PRO Grant from the Ministry of Education. St. Michaels will be holding an Arts Night on May 10th with funding received and St. Mary in Trenton will be hosting a Grocery Walk where participants will go to a grocery store and can learn how to read labels, nutrition value etc.

Various schools have held a "12 Days of Christmas". Prize packages are donated and then raffled each day. Tickets are \$5.00 each or 5 for \$20.00. Profit can be \$5,000-\$10,000.

The next Catholic School Council Meeting will be held on **April 16th** at the Board Office. Dinner will be at 5:30 with meeting following. An invitation will be sent out early in April.